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In re application of: **Robert A. Weaver et al.**Application No.: **09/733,608**Filed: **December 8, 2000**For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECE AT AN ELEVATED TEMPERATURE**
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to 3 month Non-Final Office Action mailed December 20, 2002 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month is enclosed.  
☐ A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.  
☒ No additional claim fee is required. ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown.

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EXTENSION OF TIME FEE				
TERMINAL DISCLAIMER				
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SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$ 0
x 42	\$ 0
+140	\$
	\$
	\$ 0

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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 18	\$ 0
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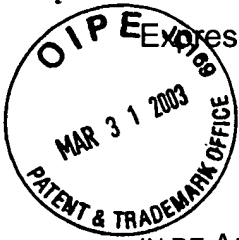
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**PATENT**

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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002 in the above-identified application. Please extend the period of the time for one month to expire on April 20, 2003. Enclosed is a petition for a one-month extension of time. Please amend the application as follows. The attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 7, 16, 23, 34-39 and 40. Please cancel claims 4, 15, 26, 32 and 33. Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for thermally processing a microelectronic workpiece, comprising:  
a workpiece support positioned to engage and support the microelectronic workpiece; and